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1. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL ON MAY 2 NAC, COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH NEW US PAPER ON MAY 10. AFTER NEXT WEEK' S MEETING, I MAY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO GIVE A ROUGH TIMETABLE FOR STEPS TO BE TAKEN BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE MINISTERIAL.

2. AS OF NOW, WEEK OF MAY 14-18 DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE BEST TIME FOR EXPERTS VISIT TO ASSIST IN FURTHER EXPOSITION OF " US APPROACH." MANY PERMREPS, INCLUDING KEY ONES, WILL BE AWAY FROM BRUSSELS ATTENDING MINISTERIAL NPG IN ANKARA. I BELIEVE EXPERTS VISIT SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEK, AS PREFERRED BY UK IN REF B, OR POSSIBLY LATER.

3. I SHARE THE UK VIEW THAT BILATERAL AND/ OR TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH UK AND FRG SHOULD NOT BE CONSPICUOUS. IN MY SECRET

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VIEW, CONSULTATIONS COULD BE ARRANGED IN LEAST CONSPICUOUS FASHION IF HELD HERE DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. MOREOVER, IT WILL BE INCREASINGLY ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN FULL ALLIED COORDINATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF MBFR

NEGOTIATING POSITION. THIS COORDINATION MIGHT BEST BE DONE
AT ONE SITE.

4. I WOULD ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING AS A GENERAL
SCENARIO FOR EXPERTS VISIT, WHENEVER IT CAN BE SCHEDULED:

A. COUNCIL MEETING WITH EXPERT ADVISORS FROM CAPITALS.

B. FOLLOW- UP MEETINGS IF DESIRED WITH EXPERTS AND SPC
AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES IN AFTERNOON OR NEXT DAY.

C. SUBSEQUENT LESS FORMAL MEETINGS AMONG EXPERTS AT
NATO HQ. INCLUDING US/ UK/ FRG TRILATERALS. RUMSFELD

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